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Environment and sustainable development: implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Indonesia*: draft resolution

Implementation of commitments undertaken at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which was held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992, and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21, which was held in New York from 23 to 27 June 1997,

Reaffirming that Agenda 21[1] remains the fundamental programme of action for achieving sustainable development, and that the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[2] adopted at the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly, will enhance the full implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recognizing that the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 includes a statement of commitment to Agenda 21 and the goals of sustainable development, an assessment of progress made since the United Nations Conference on

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and Corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Special Session, Supplement No. 2* (A/S-19/33), chap. III, annex.

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Environment and Development in all main areas of Agenda 21 and other outcomes of the Conference, a broad range of decisions and recommendations aimed at fostering progress in various sectoral and cross-sectoral areas of Agenda 21, in particular in its means of implementation, decisions aimed at strengthening global and regional institutional arrangements for achieving sustainable development, and recommendations on the future methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the programme of work of the Commission for the period 1998–2002,

Also recognizing that a mutually supportive balance between international and national efforts is needed in the pursuit of sustainable development, and that the gap between developed and developing countries points to the continued need for a dynamic and enabling international economic environment supportive of international cooperation, particularly in the fields of finance, technology transfer, debt and trade, if the momentum for global progress towards sustainable development is to be maintained and increased,

Noting with concern that the assessment and review of progress made by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session concluded that although some progress had been made the overall trends with respect to the global environment had not improved,

Also noting the convening of the first Global Environment Facility Assembly at New Delhi from 1 to 3 April 1998 and the conclusion of the negotiations on the second replenishment of the Facility,

Further noting that the next comprehensive review of the implementation of Agenda 21 is scheduled to be carried out in 2002 by the General Assembly,

1. *Stresses* the need to accelerate the full implementation of Agenda 21[1] and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;[2]

2. *Recognizes* that the Commission on Sustainable Development, within its mandate as specified in General Assembly resolution 47/191, will continue to provide the central forum for reviewing progress and urging further implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and other commitments made at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, for conducting a high-level policy debate aimed at consensus-building on sustainable development, and for catalyzing action and long-term commitment on sustainable development at all levels;

3. *Calls upon* the Commission on Sustainable Development to continue to undertake these tasks in complementing and providing linkages to the work of other United Nations organs, organizations and bodies acting in the field of sustainable development, to play its role in assessing the challenges of globalization as they relate to sustainable development, and to perform its functions in coordination with other subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and related organizations and institutions, including making recommendations, within its mandate, to the Council, bearing in mind the related outcomes of recent United Nations conferences;

4. *Emphasizes* that the achievement of more substantive results by the next review of the implementation of Agenda 21 in 2002 will require concerted efforts at all levels, and calls upon the developed countries to fulfil their commitments with respect to financial resources and the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and capacity-building;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with all relevant parts of the United Nations system, including the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions, to prepare and submit an annual analytical report, beginning at the fifty-fourth session of the General

Assembly, on the measures undertaken by these bodies to accelerate implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, including identification of constraints and recommendations on how to address these constraints;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in that annual report the outcome of relevant deliberations in the Commission on Sustainable Development under its multi-year programme of work with a view to facilitating preparations for the forthcoming review of the implementation of Agenda 21 in 2002;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21".